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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5873

INFO AMEMBASSY GENEVA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY VALETTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: FLIGHT OF US REGISTERED AIRCRAFT INTO ANGOLA

REF: STATE 305587

1. EMBOFF GAVE ICR REPRESENTATIVE IN KINSHASA, DUFOUR, CONTENTS OF REFTEL JAN 1 AND REQUESTED CAPTAIN OF AIRCRAFT BE INFORMED AS SOON AS HE REACHED KINSHASA. UPON RECEIPT OF INFO FROM EMBOFF, DUFOUR, WHO WAS UNIFORMED OF PENDING ARRIVAL OF SATURN AIRWAYS PLANE, IMMEDIATELY GOT IN TOUCH WITH HIS HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA. ICR GENEVA CONFIRMED FACT AIRCRAFT WAS ON ITS WAY AND WOULD BE GOING TO NOVA LISBOA (HUAMBO).

2. LATER IN DAY DUFOUR INFORMED EMBOFF OF LATE ARRIVAL OF AIRCRAFT (16.00 ZULU). HE ALSO SAID HE HAD BRIEFED PILOT (WHO HAD NOT TRIED CONTACT EMBASSY) ON SITUATION USING INFO PROVIDED

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BY EMBOFF AND THAT OBTAINED BY RADIO FROM ICRC OFFICIALS IN HUAMBO.

LATTER REPORTEDLY TO DEFUSE SITUATION CALM AND THEY HAD CLEARANCE FOR AIRCRAFT FROM UNIT RPT UNITA. (UNITA REPS HERE, WHEN INFORMED BY EMBASSY OF PROPOSED FLIGHT, WERE UNAWARE OF IB BUT DID NOT RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS AND WERE PREPARED TO SEND SOMEONE WITH AIRCRAFT). AIRCRAFT DEPARTED KINSHASA JAN 2 AT APPROXIMATELY 0800 LOCAL AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN SAME DAY AT 16.00 LOCAL.

3. COMMENT: UNDERSTAND FROM DUFOUR THAT SATURN AIRWAYS FLIGHT WAS STOPGAP MEASURE BECAUSE OF DWINDLING RED CROSS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES IN HUAMBO AREA. DUFOUR FURTHER NOTED THAT DANISH CARTERED HERCULES AIRCRAFT WOULD BE TRANSITING KINSHASA ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 10 WITH SUPPLIES TO CARMONA IF SECURITY SITUATION PERMITS.

4. IN ORDER TO AVOID ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS AS SATURN AIRWAYS AND DANISH CHARTER, DUFOUR SAID HE HAD FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO NEGOTIATE FROM GOZ PERMISSION TO SET UP ICRC BASE OF OPERATIONS IN KINSHASA FROM WHICH AN OLD SWISS-OWNED DC-6 WOULD SHUTTLE TO FNLA/UNITA AREAS. FULL ICRC SUPPORT TEAM EXPECTED HERE WITHIN APPROXIMATELY A COUPLE OF WEEKS. ANOTHER ICRC TEAM WILL BE BASED IN BRAZZAVILLE AND SAME DC-6 WILL BE USED LATER ON TO PROVIDE RED CROSS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO MPLA HELD TERRITORY.
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